

Orson J. Murray &  
Montpelier.

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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,  
Pastor of Pine Street Church,  
Boston, Mass.





If my humble name can be of any  
service to you or to the cause of  
Humanity, you are at liberty to make  
use of it, together with the following,  
which I am permitted to forward with  
my own: Rev. Kittridge Haven, Shoreham,  
Rev. Wm. Arthur, Williston. Rev. J.  
C. Bryant, Milton.

Yours, in behalf of the oppressed,  
Orson S. Murray.

Cyrus P. Grosvenor  
Salmon



The question was repeated, and urged: Can  
one class of men, in the United States,  
in 1833, have a just claim to the persons of  
another class as property? His answer was  
— Yes. After ~~this~~ thus concurring in the  
foundation <sup>principle</sup> doctrine of slavery, he declared  
himself to be an abolitionist, and would  
feel himself injured to be ranked among  
apologists for slavery. But what shall  
we think of those who, calling themselves  
abolitionists, oppose Anti-Slavery instead  
of Slavery?

I am thoroughly disgusted with hearing  
slavery called an evil. It is nothing  
more true than that it is an evil —  
but are robbery, man-stealing and murder  
only an evil? They are a sin — a crime,  
atrocious, flagrant, damnable.  
Go on, my Brothers, and make the  
people feel it.



Montpelier, October 11, 1833.

Mr. Phelps.

78 Dr. Sir:

It is a matter of rejoicing to me that you are about publishing 'a course of lectures on the subject of Slavery and its Remedy'. I rejoice the more because you take strong grounds, such as ought to be taken. We must go to the ne plus ultra if we want to bring the people half way. To go but half way ourselves will not start them. To say that slavery is an evil, is to say no more than slaveholders say and feel.

Yesterday, in conversation with a clergyman whose praise is in our churches, I asked him: 'Can man hold property in man?' He answered: 'yes legally'. I - 'Can one man have a just claim to the person of other men as his property?' He then resorted to the Bible.